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REVIEW OF FUNCTIONING OF DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF MINES SAFETY
CHANDRAKANT BHAURAO KHAIRE;RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the functioning of the Director General of Mines Safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the experts of the Directorate General of Mines safety had prior knowledge about the imminence of such an accident that occurred in the Bagdihi Mines of Bharat Cooking Coal Limited;

(d) if so, the effective steps taken by the Directorate General, Mines Safety in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to entrust private agencies with the responsibility of mines safety; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir, a Review Committee was constituted in 1981 under the Chairmanship of Sh. J.G. Kumarmanglam on the Role and Functions of Directorate General of Mines Safety. This Committee submitted its report in 1982 and amongst other things suggested strengthening of the organization. Government after due consideration sanctioned 28 additional posts for the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

Another Sub-committee of the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour was constituted in 1995 underthe Chairmanship of Sh. Gurudas Das Gupta to go into the status of safety in Mines. This Committee submitted its report to the Government in 1996.The recommendations amongst other things of this Sub-Committee also included strengthening of the DGMSby providing adequate and requisite manpower.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) : Does not arise.

(e) : No, Sir.

(f) : Does not arise.